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Subject:	Revised Information Memorandum: Homecare Workers' Bargaining Contract		

Message: A tentative agreement has been reached between DAS and the SEIU Homecare Workers' union, Local 99. Homecare Workers will be voting to ratify the bargaining agreement, with ballots due July 28, 2003. SEIU hopes to have the ballots counted by August 1, 2003.

The negotiations did include a wage increase for Homecare Workers, serving seniors and persons with physical disabilities. Please do not change any rates in the computer systems or on service plans at this time. More information will be forthcoming about these rate changes and what agreements were negotiated. The wage increases are contingent upon legislative approval and funding. Changes to the mainframe and Oregon ACCESS cannot take place until the contract is ratified. At that time retroactive payment increases effective July 1, 2003 will be issued to Homecare Workers.

At this point, the relationship between the client and the Homecare Worker has not changed. Please note as agreed upon with SEIU, the Department will now refer to this group of providers as "Homecare Workers" rather than "Client-Employed Providers."

No action is required for local offices. You will be notified if any actions by local offices are required at a later date.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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